

RESOLUTION NO. 74244

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE SUPPORTING THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY

WHEREAS, Mayor Tom Bradley had a long record of public service to citizens of Los Angeles, to the State of California and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley attended Los Angeles Poly High School and excelled both academically and athletically. At UCLA, he shined as a track star; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, Tom Bradley joined the Los Angeles Police Department, where he rose to the rank of lieutenant, the highest ranking position held by an African American police officer in Los Angeles at the time; and

WHEREAS, while serving his community as a full-time police officer, Bradley attended night classes at the Southwestern University School of Law. In 1956, he graduated from Southwestern University with his law degree; and

WHEREAS, after 21 years on the force, Tom Bradley retired from the Los Angeles Police Department as lieutenant. In 1963, Bradley ran for mayor of Los Angeles; he became the 37th mayor of the City of Los Angeles, the 3rd largest city in California; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Bradley brought diversity to the city; he put together a government that doubled the number of women and minorities in high-ranking city positions. Bradley's policies resulted in a resurgence of downtown Los Angeles as an economic center. Los Angeles overtook San Francisco as the financial capital of California; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Bradley was recognized for his leadership qualities by his colleagues from across the nation by being elected as President of the National League of Cities; he was reelected to President of the League of California Cities in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the record of Tom Bradley's public service is so exceptional that it is especially fitting that the legacy of this great Californian and American leader be marked by the issuance of a special commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City of San José communicates its support to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service for the issuance of a commemorative postal stamp in honor of the late Mayor Tom Bradley.

ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHIRCO, CHU, CONSTANT, LICCARDO,
NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, PYLE, WILLIAMS. CORTESE

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: REED.

DISQUALIFIED: NONE

DAVID CORTESE
Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk

